

Stormwater Billing Changes Effective January 2010



In May 2009, the Redmond City Council approved changes to the City's Stormwater Utility billing system that will alter your utility bill beginning January 1, 2010.

In July, property owners of non single-family residential parcels will be mailed, to their address of record, additional information on the stormwater charges for their specific parcels. Ownership and billing address changes, or inquiries regarding impervious surface calculations need to be submitted prior to October 1, 2009 for changes to take effect on the January bills.

If you have any questions about these changes, or about the stormwater bill for a specific parcel, please contact Sharon Vatne at 425-556-2813 or svatne@redmond.gov.

The following are a summary of the changes:

1. Stormwater charges will now be sent on separate bills from the water/sewer charges for non single-family residential parcels (referred to as "Other Developed Parcels")
2. Stormwater charges for Other Developed Parcels will be sent to the property owner (taxpayer) of record per the King County Assessor. The water/sewer bill will continue to be sent to the current bill payer.
3. Stormwater bills will no longer be sent to tenants. Property owners may request in writing that the bill be sent, in the owner's name, to a property management company, a homeowners association, or a bill paying service (form available online at www.redmond.gov). ***If you are a tenant currently paying the stormwater bill, please discuss this upcoming change with the property owner.***
4. The stormwater billing rate of \$16.56 per impervious unit (2000 sq ft) has not changed. However, impervious surface area (the basis for stormwater charges) for all Other Developed Parcels has been updated using aerial photography, so bills may change accordingly.
5. The impervious surface calculation will be determined to a tenth of a unit (200 sq ft) rather than full unit. Values will still be truncated. For example, a property with 10.97 impervious units that is currently billed for 10 impervious units will be billed for 10.9 impervious units.
6. New stormwater credits (discounts) are available for rainwater harvesting at commercial buildings, and for participation in regional stormwater facilities.